ANNUAL REPORT

of

The Medical Officer of Health

for

ALDERLEY EDGE
CHEADLE AND GATLEY
and WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICTS

and

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

The Chief Sanitary Inspectors

For the Year 1955

CONTENTS

		Page
1.	Medical Officer's Report	3
2.	Sanitary Inspectors' Reports	
	Alderley Edge	15
	Cheadle and Gatley	21
	Wilmslow	29

CHEADLE.

3rd October, 1956.

To the Chairmen and Members of the Alderley Edge, Cheadle and Gatley, and Wilmslow Urban District Councils.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my report of the work done and conditions in the three sanitary districts for the year ending December 31st, 1955.

The Report is, as always, drawn up on the lines recommended by the Minister of Health on whose instructions and to whom these reports are made. The Report is again a joint one, as this has been found to be most valuable, but too much stress should not be laid upon individual figures, especially in the case of Alderley Edge.

The one Maternal death in Cheadle is the first since 1951, so that the actual average Maternal Mortality rate is much the same as that of the country as a whole. The Infant Mortality in Alderley Edge is again high, but is still not significantly high, taking into account the small number of births.

The conditions in all three districts are comparable with those of similar residential districts in other parts of the country.

The Reports of the Sanitary Inspectors are given after my Report and continue to show satisfactory conditions.

The difficulty of obtaining Sanitary Inspectors is well shown in the case of Alderley Edge where we had considerable difficulty in replacing Mr. Brown who left in 1954, and Mr. Lassman who was appointed only stayed four months, leaving for a better position. In the end the position was met by the appointment of a part-time Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Barker, who however has no other duties.

I thank all the Public Health staff and also the Clerks and Surveyors of the various Councils for their co-operation. I much appreciate the help of the members of the various Health Committees.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

DAVID G. ANDERSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

THE REPORTS OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTORS FOR THE THREE URBAN DISTRICTS OF ALDERLEY EDGE, CHEADLE & GATLEY AND WILMSLOW

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health :

D. G. ANDERSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Alderley Edge.

Sanitary Inspector :

S. LASSMAN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(1st March—30th June, 1955)

W. A. BARKER, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(appointed 10th October, 1955)

Cheadle and Gatley.

Senior Sanitary Inspector :

T. HAYES, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

K. MORGAN, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Wilmslow.

Senior Sanitary Inspector :

G. H. LANCASTER, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Additional Sanitary Inspector :

T. B. TREMETHICK, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(resigned 28th February, 1955)

F. D. BRINDLE, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

(appointed 18th April, 1955)

All the Sanitary Inspectors hold the Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute for the inspection of meat and other foods.

Clerical :

Joint with Divisional Health Committee.

Medical Officer's Office,

19, HIGH STREET, CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

(Tel. GATley 5068)

Sanitary Inspectors' Offices,

COUNCIL OFFICES, ALDERLEY EDGE, CHESHIRE

(Tel. ALDerley Edge 2150)

GREEN HALL, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE

(Tel. Wilmslow 2275)

Social Conditions : Whilst all three districts are in the main of a residential character, there is a small amount of industrial development in the north east corner of Cheadle, while a considerable area of Wilmslow is rural in character particularly around Styal which is unlikely to alter. Alderley Edge is entirely residential.

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle and Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Area (in acres)	710	5,299	7,694
Registrar-General's estimate of resident population (mid 1955)	3,740	32,460	19,450
Census Population (April 9th, 1951)	3,689	31,508	19,531
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1955) according to rate books	1,234	11,007	5,919
Rateable value (end of 1955)	£37,215	£297,511	£177,717
Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)	£146	£1,140	£697

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

(after correction for inward and outward transfers as furnished by the Registrar-General).

	Alderley Edge			*Cheadle and Gatley*			*Wilmslow*		
Live Births	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*
Total	35	19	16	396	200	196	242	128	114
Legitimate	34	19	15	385	195	190	229	122	107
Illegitimate	1	—	1	11	5	6	13	6	7
Birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		9.3			12.2			12.4	
Adjusted birth rate		8.7			13.2			13.1	
Still Births	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*
Total	—	—	—	8	3	5	3	3	—
Legitimate	—	—	—	8	3	5	3	3	—
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births ...		0			20			12	
Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		0			.25			.15	
Deaths (all causes)	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*
Total	44	25	19	460	233	227	204	113	91
Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population		11.8			14.2			10.5	
Adjusted death rate		9.9			14.1			10.8	
Deaths (Maternal)	Nil			1			Nil		
Rate per 1 000 total births (live and still)...	Nil			2.5			Nil		
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*
Total	2	1	1	4	3	1	6	4	2
Legitimate	2	1	1	4	3	1	6	4	2
Illegitimate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.									
All infants per 1,000 live births		57			10.1			24.8	
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births		59			10.4			26.2	
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births		0			0			0	

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN SPECIAL CAUSES.

	Alderley Edge	*Cheadle & Gatley*	*Wilmslow*
Cancer (all ages)	6	81	31
Measles (all ages)	—	—	—
Whooping cough (all ages)	—	—	—
Influenza (all ages)	—	1	3
Pneumonia (all ages)...	—	20	4
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary (all ages) ...	—	3	1
Tuberculosis—Other...	—	3	—
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2	2
Other Accidents	—	9	2

There have not been any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area. There is no evidence of any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial effect on health.

COMPARISON WITH ENGLAND AND WALES.

	Birth Rate	*Death Rate*	*Infant Mortality*	*Maternal Mortality*
Alderley Edge Urban District ...	8.7	9.9	37	—
Cheadle & Gatley Urban Dist.	13.2	14.1	10.1	2.5*
Wilmslow Urban District ...	13.1	10.8	24.8	—
England and Wales	15.0	11.7	25.0	0.64

* 1 death, the first since 1951

SECTION B.
GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(*a*) **Staff.**

A list of staff is given at the beginning of the Report.

Duties :—

The Medical Officer of Health is restricted from private practice and is Medical Officer of Health for the three districts, which also form the area covered by the Cheadle and Wilmslow Divisional Health Committee and by the Executive Committee for Education of the Cheshire County Council; the Medical Officer of Health being Divisional Medical Officer to both these Committees.

Sanitary Inspectors. All the Sanitary Inspectors, except in Alderley Edge, are full-time in the employment of the respective Councils.

In Alderley Edge the Sanitary Inspector is also Rodent Officer, he is part-time, but is solely employed by the Authority.

In Cheadle and Gatley the Senior Sanitary Inspector is also Rodent Officer, Hackney Carriage Inspector and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts. The Cleansing Department is separate under a Cleansing Officer.

In Wilmslow, the Senior Sanitary Inspector is also Rodent Officer, is responsible for the removal and disposal of house refuse, and Inspector under the Petroleum Acts.

(*b*) Laboratory Facilities.

The Regional Public Health Laboratory at Monsall carries out the greater part of the work for this area. A collection service is available at Sharston Fire Station from Monday to Friday. A small amount of work is still dealt with by the Pathological Department of the Stockport and Buxton Hospital Management Committee.

The examinations done at the Public Health Laboratories are for the ascertainment and control of infectious diseases and the examination of foods bacteriologically.

(*c*) Hospitals.

The hospitals are all now under the Manchester Regional Board, but it has made little difference to the hospitals utilised.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(*a*) Water Supply.

There has been no alteration in the water supply in the area, the main extensions being to new houses. The number of premises not connected to a main supply is Alderley Edge, one ; Cheadle and Gatley, none, and Wilmslow, twenty-one. More water than usual had to be taken from the Wilmslow pumping station.

I am indebted to Mr. T. Dearden for the following report on the analysis of the water supply :

(1) The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality (b) in quantity.

(2) Bacteriological examinations were made monthly of the raw water and weekly of the treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory. Chemical analyses were made monthly of the raw and treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory.

(3) The water is chemically treated to prevent plumbo-solvent action, with satisfactury results. The chemical analyses are dealt with in (2) above.

(4) Water obtained from gathering grounds—stored in impounding reservoirs, treated by mechanical filtration plant and chlorinated. Underground water—pumped from borehole and chlorinated.

I enclose copies of the last full analyses made in 1955 from the various sources of supply serving the above districts.

I have included analyses of the water obtained from the Wilmslow borehole which is used to maintain pressure in the mains as required, during the day time. The average daily quantity used from this source during 1955 was 278,000 gallons.

The borehole water is pumped into mains supplying water from the Lyme Park and Goyt Valley sources and the approximate area supplied in this manner comprises Wilmslow Urban District and parts of Alderley Edge Urban District, together with other areas in the Macclesfield and Bucklow Rural Districts.

(*b*) **Drainage and Sewerage.**

Cheadle and Gatley—The outfall sewer for Cheadle Hulme was commenced in June. The total length of this is to be approximately 2½ miles. A foul water sewer has also been constructed in Green Walk. The Cheadle Hulme outfall sewer is of great value as there has been constant trouble from sur-charging of the sewers and there is a considerable amount of development in this area.

Wilmslow—In Wilmslow the Southern drainage scheme was completed early in the year and its value has been shown in the reduction of the number of sewer collapses. The Minister's

Bacteriological Examination.

	Goyt Valley	*Kinder*	*Lyme Park*	*Wilmslow*
Aerobic micro-organisms growing in yeastral agar	No of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water	No. of colonies per c.c. of water
in 3 days at 22°C.	1	0	0	0
in 2 days at 37°C.	2	1	1	4
Bacteria associated with sewage or faecal pollution				
Bacterium coli	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.	Not found in 100 m.l.
Probable number of coli-aerogenes bacteria per 100 c.c. of water	nil	nil	nil	nil
Report	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

Chemical Examination

Reaction—pH value	8.20	7.28	6.88	7.78
Colour in 2 ft. glass tube Hazen solution p.p.m. pt. ...	7	11	6	14
Turbidity—Silica Standard—p.p.m.	0.5	2.6	0.6	1.1

	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million	Parts per million
Total Solids dried at 110°C. ...	—	—	—	—
Suspended Solids dried at 110°C.	—	—	—	—
Free Acidity as CO_2	1.2	1.8	4.2	7.2
Free Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$ ...	—	—	—	—
Total Alkalinity as $CaCO_3$ ...	18.3	14.9	17.5	208
Hardness				
Carbonate hardness	18	15	18	208
Non-carbonate hardness ...	36	29	66	10
Total	54	44	84	218
Combined Chlorine (Cl_2) ...	12.5	13.0	19.5	35.5
Nitrates-Nitric Nitrogen as N_2 ...	0.40	0.32	0.16	0.08
Nitrites-Nitrous Nitrogen as N_2	0.002	0.001	0.001	0.001
Free and Saline Ammonia as N_2	0.015	0.293	0.007	0.011
Albuminoid Ammonia as N_2 ...	0.037	0.079	0.038	0.007
Oxygen absorbed test, 4 hours at 27°C.	0.64	0.97	0.58	0.02
Iron in solution as Fe	—	—	—	—
Total Iron as Fe	—	—	—	0.86
Manganese as Mn	0.09	0.15	0.18	0.06
Silica (SiO_2)	7.4	9.9	8.3	19.9
Alumina Al_2O_3	0.41	0.50	0.11	0.05
Alumina as Sulphate of Alumina ...	2.9	3.5	0.8	—
Lead as Pb taken up in second 24 hours	0.39	0.42	0.27	0.32
Fluoride as F.	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.15
Reports :	This water is quite satisfactory	This water is quite satisfactory	This water is quite satisfactory	This water is quite satisfactory

approval in principal was given to the extension of the northern sewage disposal works and the re-sewering of part of Wilmslow. A Public Inquiry was held into the proposal to construct a joint sewage disposal works with Alderley Edge and approval in principal has been given by the Minister. The trunk sewer to connect this district to the proposed new works in Alderley Edge has also been approved in principal, but it is possible that a Public Inquiry may have to be held.

Alderley Edge—The Council have had under consideration the question of re-sewering portions of the district and there was a Public Inquiry into the provision of joint works with Wilmslow.

(*c*) Public Cleansing.

In all three districts a weekly collection is aimed at and in Alderley and Cheadle it has been maintained except in special circumstances, but in certain areas in Wilmslow this has not proved possible.

(*d*) Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

The reports of the Senior Sanitary Inspectors of all three districts are given at the end of this Report.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

Existing Houses.

Work on existing houses continues and shows a still further increase from previous years. The proposals were put forward under Section 1 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. Improvement Grants have been made by ~~the Cheadle and Gatley and Wilmslow~~ all Councils.

New Houses (completed since the war) are :

Alderley Edge	Council	199	Dwellings
	Private Enterprise	49	,,
Cheadle & Gatley	Council	1233	,,
	Private Enterprise	958	,,
Wilmslow	Council	490	,,
	Private Enterprise	662	,,

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(*a*) Milk Supply.

All three areas are now " Specified Areas " and therefore no milk other than designated milks can be sold.

(*b*) Meat and Other Foods.

There is no change in the methods of dealing with meat.

(*c*) Adulteration, etc.

	No. of Samples	*Reported Against*	*No. of Samples*	*Reported Against*
	1954		1955	
Alderley Edge				
Milks	7	2	4	Nil
Other ...	Nil	Nil	4	Nil
Cheadle and Gatley				
Milks	41	3	23	2
Other ...	19	Nil	34	3
Wilmslow				
Milks	30	5	29	3
Other	9	Nil	8	Nil

The 5 unsatisfactory milks were stated to be genuine but abnormal, being deficient in solids not fat.

One of the unsatisfactory oatmeal samples was an informal sample and was contaminated with meal mite. A formal sample was also found to be contaminated with dead meal mites and prosecution took place with the result of a fine of £10 and 35/- costs. One Pork Sausage was found to contain a preservative, also no declaration was made to this effect. Prosecution at Stockport resulted in a fine of £1.

I am indebted to Mr. Stacey Hallard, the Chief Inspector of the County Weights and Measures Department for the report under this heading.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

(a) The following cases were notified during the year :—

	Alderley Edge		*Cheadle & Gatley*		*Wilmslow*	
	Original	*Corrected*	*Original*	*Corrected*	*Original*	*Corrected*
Scarlet fever ...	—	—	49	49	3	3
Whooping Cough... ...	1	1	9	9	1	1
Measles	91	91	484	484	208	208
Pneumonia ...	1	1	13	13	6	6
Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	9	9	3	1
Other Tuberculosis	—	—	6	6	—	—
Food Poisoning	2	0	7	0	2	0
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	1	1
Dysentery ...	—	—	4	4	6	6
Erysipelas ...	—	—	2	2	—	—

(*b*) **Tuberculosis.**

During the year 1955 there were notified for the first time the following cases of tuberculosis :

	Pulmonary			*Non-Pulmonary*		
	Males	*Females*	*Total*	*Males*	*Females*	*Total*
Alderley Edge ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cheadle and Gatley	4	5	9	4	2	6
Wilmslow ...	3	1	4	—	—	—

SECTION G.

Factories Act, 1937.

The following are those portions of the return made under Section 128 (3) for which there were figures recorded :—

Part I of the Act.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors) :—

Premises		*Number on Register*	*Inspections*	*No. of written notices*	*Owners Prosecuted*
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.					
	A.E.	9	1	1	—
	C. & G.	91	76	—	—
	W.	31	9	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.					
	A.E.	26	12	2	—
	C. & G.	87	60	—	—
	W.	92	80	1	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).					
	A.E.	—	—	—	—
	C. & G.	38	47	—	—
	W.	12	8	—	—

2.—Cases in which defects were found :—

Particulars.		*Found*	*Remedied*	*Referred by H.M. Inspector*
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.) ...	A.E.	1	1	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	9	2	1
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)...	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	1	—	—
Ineffective Drainage of Floors (S.6.)	A.E.	—	—	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	3	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Unsuitable or Defective	A.E.	1	1	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	3	—	2
(b) Insufficient...	A.E.	1	1	—
	C. & G.	—	—	—
	W.	—	—	—

OUTWORK (Sections 110 and 111)

Alderley Edge—3
Cheadle and Gatley—Nil
Wilmslow—8

SECTION H.

ACTION UNDER SECTION 47, NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was found necessary during the year.

SECTION I.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

I am indebted to Mr. B. K. Barber for the following information regarding the Blood Transfusion Service. Although no longer a duty of the Local Health Services, it was started in conjunction with them and Mr. Barber draws attention to the valuable work done by the voluntary organisers in the area who are as follows and I would like to corroborate this :

Cheadle ... ...Mrs. Morris, 43 Broadway, Cheadle.
Mrs. Dove, "High Barn," Wilmslow Road, Handforth

Wilmslow ... ...Mrs. Bullock, 39 Knutsford Road Wilmslow

Alderley Edge ...Mrs. Tansley, "Little Fields," Moss Road, Alderley Edge

Cheadle Hulme...Mrs. Charney, 19 Linden Road, Cheadle Hulme

During the year the following sessions were held :

Alderley Edge ...	...2	sessions,	119	blood donations
Wilmslow	...2	„	152	„
Cheadle	...4	„	417	„
Cheadle Hulme...	...4	„	249	„

DEATHS REGISTERED DURING THE YEAR 1955.

		Alderley Edge		*Cheadle and Gatley*		*Wilmslow*	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	2	1	—	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	Syphilitic disease	—	—	3	1	1	—
4.	Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	2	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	—	—	12	3	1	3
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	1	15	2	7	1
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	—	—	—	8	—	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	—	—	—	6	—	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	—	1	13	23	10	6
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.	Diabetes	—	—	—	2	—	—
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system...	4	5	29	49	20	30
18.	Coronary disease, angina	5	4	47	14	22	9
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ...	1	—	2	1	—	2
20.	Other heart disease	5	3	27	37	14	14
21.	Other circulatory disease	—	1	15	18	12	3
22.	Influenza	—	—	1	1	1	2
23.	Pneumonia	—	—	2	12	3	1
24.	Bronchitis	4	—	21	14	4	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	—	—	5	—	2	—
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	—	1	3	3	1	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ...	—	—	—	2	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	1	1	1	—
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	6	—	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ...	—	—	—	1	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	—	—	1	1	—	—
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	2	19	20	9	10
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	4	2	1	1
34.	All other accidents	—	—	2	2	—	2
35.	Suicide	—	—	3	3	—	—
36.	Homicide and operations of war ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
	ALL CAUSES ...	25	19	233	227	113	91

ALDERLEY EDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Alderley Edge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Bickmore and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of work done by the Sanitary Inspector during 1955.

Mr. Brown terminated his appointment as your Sanitary Inspector in December, 1954, and a Mr. Lassman held the appointment from March to June inclusive, and I commenced duty on October 10th.

These resignations have caused a break in the continuity of Sanitary Inspector's duties during the year.

The main branches of the work done are placed under separate headings with comment where necessary.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

W. A. BARKER,

Sanitary Inspector.

July, 1956.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS

Classification	*Total No. of Inspections and Revisits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Accumulation of Refuse	—	—	—	—	—
Ashbins	40	13	10	2	2
Bakehouses	7	2	1	—	—
Brook Courses ...	—	—	—	—	—
Building Byelaws ...	2	—	—	—	—
Butchers	12	—	—	—	—
Cooked Meats Premises	—	—	—	—	—
Disinfections	—	—	—	—	—
Disinfestations	—	—	—	—	—
Drainage...	26	1	1	—	—
Drain Testing	—	—	—	—	—
Dwellings :					
P.H. Acts	29	6	4	—	—
Housing Acts ...	146	5	4	—	—
Factories...	21	3	3	—	—
Fish Frying	4	—	—	—	—
Fish and Greengrocery	—	—	—	—	—
Flooding	2	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning and Dysentery ...	1	—	—	—	—
Food Byelaws ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ice Cream Premises ...	2	—	—	—	—
Infectious Diseases ...	1	—	—	—	—
Keeping of Animals and Poultry	—	—	—	—	—
Milk Distributors ...	14	—	—	—	—
Milk Shops	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	13	1	1	—	—
Other Food Premises ...	3	—	—	—	—
Outworkers	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding ...	—	—	—	—	—
Provisions ...	7	—	—	—	—
Pet Animals' Act ...	1	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Act... ...	9	—	—	—	—
Public Cleansing					
(*a*) Refuse Disposal	38	—	—	—	—
(*b*) Refuse Collection	—	—	—	—	—
(*c*) Salvage	32	—	—	—	—
Rag Flock Premises	—	—	—	—	—
Restaurant and Kitchens	10	—	—	—	—
Other Kitchens ...	—	—	—	—	—
Rodent Control... ...	59	3	3	—	—
Sanitary Accommodation	13	—	—	—	—
Schools	3	—	—	—	—
Shops Act	11	1	1	—	—
Smoke Nuisances ...	6	1	1	—	—
Workplaces	2	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	514	36	29	2	2

HOUSING.

During the year the Council submitted their proposals under Slum Clearance to the Minister.

INSPECTION OF FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES.

(1) There are in the Urban Area, the following premises where food is prepared, stored and sold :

Bakehouses	6
Butchers' Shops	5
Cooked Meat Manufacturers ...	8
Fried Fish and Chip Shops ...	3
Greengrocers	5
Hotel Kitchens	5
Ice Cream Dealers	10
Ice Cream Makers	1
Office Canteen Kitchens ...	1
Restaurant Kitchens	4
School Kitchens	4
Provision Shops	15
Wet Fish Shops	3

These food premises have been inspected at regular intervals and have been kept in a reasonably clean condition.

During routine inspections, the Council's Bye-laws were enforced where necessary, but generally the proprietors of food shops were found to be co-operative and no legal proceedings were taken during the year.

(2) Food Surrendered and Condemned :

Fifteen tins of Food with a total weight of 33 lbs., also a box of Fishcakes were surrendered.

Disposal of condemned food is undertaken at the Council refuse tip where it is burned, or buried under the refuse, according to its nature.

(3) Animals Inspected at time of Slaughter.

NIL

MILK AND DAIRIES

The five dairy farms situated in the Urban Area are under the supervision of the Milk Production Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Biological samples of milk, in course of distribution, have been taken for tuberculous infection, all of which proved to be negative.

Retail Distributors	4
Wholesale Distributors	2
Milk Shops	2

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations:

Number of Supplementary licences issued:

Pasteurised	3
Sterilised	2
Tuberculin Tested	3

Number of Dealers' licences issued:

Sterilised	1
Tuberculin Tested	2
Pasteurised	1

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

Class of Milk	*No. of Samples*	*Methylene Blue Test*		*Phosphatase Test*		*Turbidity Test*	
		Pass	*Fail*	*Pass*	*Fail*	*Pass*	*Fail*
Raw Designated ...	4	2	2	—	—	—	—
Heat Treated ...	10	—	—	7	—	3	—
Totals ...	14	2	2	7	—	3	—

The unsatisfactory raw Designated Milk was reported to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Class of Milk	*No. of Samples*	*Negative*	*Positive*	*Void*
Heat Treated	3	3	—	—
Raw Designated	8	8	—	—
Totals	11	11	—	—

RAG FLOCK.

There is one registered factory in the area to which the Act applies and this factory has been inspected.

RODENT CONTROL.

One trained part-time operative is employed and the methods used are those approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The infestations were chiefly of a minor character.

The Council receive a 50% grant of approved expenditure from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and Food.

The following table gives details of the work done by the department during the year.

Type of Property	*No. of Properties infested by Rats*	*No. of Properties seriously infested by Mice*	*No. of Treatments Undertaken*
Local Authority including tips ...	4	—	13
Dwellings	23	1	38
Business Premises ...	3	—	19
Agricultural Premises	—	—	—
Totals ...	30	1	70

SHOPS INSPECTION.

As Sanitary Authority, this Council is responsible only for enforcing provisions of S.38 of the Shops Act, 1950, which relate to Heating, Ventilation and Sanitary Conveniences. The Local Authority (i.e. the County Council), is responsible for the enforcement of the remainder of the Act. During the year, the shops have been inspected where necessary.

No. of Combined Dwellings and Shops	47
No. of Lock-up Shops...	44
Total	91

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the area are supplied from the mains of the Stockport Corporation with the exception of an isolated small-holding to which water is hand pumped from a well. There are no stand pipes in the area.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Verminous Premises

There were no cases of bed bug infestation during the year. The occupiers of houses and business premises infested by Cockroaches were advised and 10% D.D.T. powder was used for eradication.

SALVAGE

The total weight of baled mixed waste paper sold during the year amounted to 63 tons, 14 cwt. 1 qr., value £527 3s. 3d. An amount of £76 8s. 6d. incentive bonus was paid to personnel responsible for collection.

CHEADLE & GATLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department,
19, High Street,
Cheadle.

September, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Cheadle & Gatley Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1955.

I have the honour to present my annual report on the work of the Sanitary Inspector's Department for the year 1955.

In addition to the information required under Circular 1/54, Housing Act particulars are appended in this Report for the second time since the war.

Three of the four slaughter houses in the area have been particularly active during the year, necessitating evening and week-end inspections.

I desire to express my thanks to Mr. Morgan and other members of the Council's staff for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

T. HAYES,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Nature of Inspections	*No. of visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Houses Inspected under Public Health Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	135	76	76	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	260	33	33	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	217	—	—	—	—
Houses Inspected under the Housing Act—					
Houses inspected after complaint	30	11	11	—	—
Houses inspected otherwise	310	—	—	—	—
Number of re-visits to the above	256	—	—	—	—
General					
Infectious Disease ..	121	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	22	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds ...	130	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ...	45	—	—	—	—
Smoke Observations ...	15	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences ...	17	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces...	183	—	—	—	—
Shops all types	475	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts	65	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	1033	—	—	—	—
Places of Public Entertainment, Public Houses, etc.	76	4	4	—	—
Verminous Premises ...	35	—	—	—	—
Drainage	176	23	23	—	—
Slaughterhouses	976	—	—	—	—
Hairdressers	37	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	4614	147	147	—	—

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

During the year considerable work has been carried out by the Council's Rodent Operative. A free service is available to the occupiers of all dwelling houses, and the occupiers of business premises are always anxious to co-operate in giving the Operative free access to examine and treat the premises—if found necessary. All business premises pay for these treatments, and large works are dealt with under annual agreements.

The sewerage system in the district was partially tested for the presence of rats during the year. These tests were on new extensions to the system and all tests were negative.

There were no serious cases of major infestation of either rats or mice in any part of the district.

The following table is a statistical record, as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in accordance with their requirements :

	Type of Property				
	Local Authority	*Dwelling Houses*	*Agri-cultural*	*All other premises (including Business and Industrial)*	*Total*
Number of properties inspected by the Local Authority during 1955 as a result of					
(a) Notification ...	1	215	0	25	241
(b) Survey under the Act	9	8	3	9	29
(c) Otherwise *e.g.* when visited primarily for some other purpose	—	456	26	197	679
Total Inspections carried out including re-inspections	37	763	39	233	1072
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats : Major ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor ...	8	201	1	18	228
(b) Mice : Major: ...	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Minor ...	2	22	0	16	40
Number of infested properties treated by the Local Authority... ...	10	223	1	34	268
Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	30	669	3	102	804

Disinfestation

Several properties have been treated for the elimination of minor pests such as fleas and cockroaches. In each case commercial preparations were used and were found to be effective.

HOUSING

The following table is included in accordance with paragraph 4 of Circular 28/54, issued by the Ministry of Health.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	735
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	783
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	340
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	473
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	257
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	73

Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers... ...	551

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	0
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices	
	(i) By owners	0
	(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices :	
	(i) By owners	0
	(ii) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(c)	Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0

Housing Act 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding

(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year ...	0
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein	0
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	0

(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ...	0
(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year ...	0
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	0
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authorities have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	0

Meat, Milk and other Foods.

The number of premises in the district which are concerned with the sale of all types of food or drink is as follows :—

Ice Cream Manufacturers and retailers	40
Milk distributors (excluding farmer producers) ...	25
Catering Establishments	14
Confectioners (including bakehouses)	26
Grocery and provisions	66
Butchers	27
Fishmongers	7
Fish and Greengrocery	21
Greengrocery only	11
Fish and chip shops	9
Licensed premises (including clubs)	32

In connection with ice cream, four samples were obtained during the year, all of which came in Group I. The majority of ice cream sold in the district is manufactured by the well-known national manufacturers, there being only two registered manufacturers in the district.

The total number of inspections made at the above premises was 551. In connection with these visits milk samples were taken, and also various foodstuffs which were found to be unfit for human consumption were condemned. A table setting out the results of tests made on the various milk samples which were procured is set out hereunder ; also a list of the foodstuffs condemned. The majority of the foods which were condemned were disposed of by burial in the Council's tip—the exceptions to this being carcase meats and other items which had to be returned either to the abattoirs or to the wholesalers in accordance with the Ministry of Food's circulars controlling these items, or to processors of condemned meats for conversion into fertilisers, etc.

Bacon	47 lbs.
Ham	13 lbs. 8 ozs.
Veal	6 lbs.
Fish	56 lbs.
Roast Pork	24 lbs.
Pork Sausage	12 lbs.
Biscuits	14 lbs.
Oatmeal	24 lbs.
Semolina	56 lbs.
Tomato Puree...	10 lbs.
Apples	30 lbs.
Tinned ham	3 tins
,, tongue	4 ,,
,, steak	4 ,,
,, beef	2 ,,
,, luncheon meats	47 ,,
Corned beef	6 ,,
Steak pudding	5 ,,
Tinned fish	1 tin
Cheese	48 pkts.
Assorted vegetables	17 tins
Assorted fruits	43 ,,
Soups	1 tin
Evaporated milk	4 tins
Jams and marmalades...	3 jars

There are no Clean Food Guilds in the area, nor have any lectures on food hygiene been given to shopkeepers or their staffs. The Council have, however, adopted byelaws as to the handling and wrapping of foodstuffs, copies of which have been sent to all the proprietors of the businesses concerned in the distribution of foodstuffs. There has been no necessity to examine any bulk consignments of foodstuffs during the year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The undermentioned statistics are a record of the numbers of animals slaughtered in the area. The table following is a total of the condemnations and reasons therefor. This work was responsible for 976 visits to the slaughterhouses.

Total animals slaughtered during the six months ending 31st December 1955.

Oxen	733
Cows	39
Sheep and lambs	4616
Calves	25
Pigs	2124

Oxen, or parts of oxen, condemned due to tuberculosis

2 cows and one bullock, complete carcases and all offals.
5 forequarters.
1 hindquarter.
24 heads and tongues.
27 livers.
43 lungs.
15 mesenteric organs.
10 udders.

Pigs, condemned due to tuberculosis

3 carcases.
82 heads.
28 plucks.

Condemnation due to "Other Causes"

5 pigs' carcases	erysipelas.
310 sheep livers and plucks	parasitic infections.
45 beasts' livers	distomatosis (liver fluke).
1 hind of pig	bruised.
1 calf	immaturity
7 pigs	oedoema
1 sheep	oedoema
31 pigs' plucks	pneumonia

1955

Type of Milk	Total Samples Sub-mitted	Methylene Blue (Keeping Quality)			Phosphatase (Sufficiently Heat-Treated)			Tubercle Bacilli			Turbidity Test	
		Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory	Total	Absent	Present	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Pasteurised	16	16	16	0	16	16	0	—	—	—	—	—
T.T. Pasteurised ...	9	9	9	0	9	9	0	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculin-Tested ..	10	10	7	3	—	—	—	10	10	0	—	—
Sterilised	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	0
TOTAL—All Milks ...	37	35	32	3	25	25	0	10	10	0	2	0

WILMSLOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department,
Green Hall,
Wilmslow.
May, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wilmslow Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1955.

I present herewith my Annual Report on the work carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors for the year 1955.

The most notable feature of this Report is the section dealing with Meat Inspection which will give you some indication of the extra duties which have been placed on the Department as the result of the de-control of meat supplies.

As the Morley Slaughterhouse did not commence to operate until March, 1955, the Report covers a period of 9 months only, but during that time 1,339 food animals have been slaughtered of which 982 received a post-mortem examination on the premises and the remainder were examined at the Manchester Meat Market. From the carcases examined locally, nearly 5 tons of fresh meat were condemned. The output of these premises is on the increase and there is every indication that the 1956 figures will be very much greater. The fact that only a small number of animals is killed at any one time considerably increases the time spent on Meat Inspection as sometimes visits to the Slaughterhouse have to be made almost every day of the week and quite often twice daily. These duties have so far been performed without any extra staff, but it must be pointed out that other duties are being curtailed in order to perform this very important service, so much so that it has not yet been possible

to undertake any work in connection with the new Food Hygiene Regulations. The position is such that certain duties are not being carried out in a satisfactory manner and I propose to submit a more detailed report to the Council on this matter as I feel the time has arrived when you should be made fully aware of the position.

After many years without any change of staff, Mr. T. B. Tremethick, who resigned in February, was succeeded by Mr. F. D. Brindle, in April, 1955, and another change took place when Miss D. Whitlow resigned in December, 1955. I very much appreciate the help given by past and present members of my staff during the year, and the co-operation and assistance of the officers of other departments.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. H. LANCASTER,

Chief Sanitary Inspector.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Nature of Inspections.	*No. of Visits*	*Informal Notices Served*	*Informal Notices Complied with*	*Statutory Notices Served*	*Statutory Notices Complied with*
Housing.					
Houses inspected under P.H.A.	153	75	70	10	9
Re-inspections under P.H.A.	291	—	—	—	—
Houses inspected under Housing Acts ...	199	2	2	4	1
Re-inspections under Housing Acts ...	105	—	—	—	—
General					
Refuse Collection and Disposal	165	31	28	—	—
Infectious Diseases ...	17	—	—	—	—
Water Supply	14	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans and Sheds	23	—	—	—	—
Stables and Piggeries ...	6	—	—	—	—
Smoke Observations ...	8	2	3	—	—
Public Entertainment and Public Houses	2	—	—	—	—
Public Conveniences ...	3	—	—	—	—
Factories	34	2	3	1	1
Work Places	12	2	2	—	—
Shops Acts ...	17	—	—	—	—
Petroleum Acts ...	60	—	—	—	—
Rats and Mice Destruction	35	23	—	—	—
Special Visits	180	—	—	—	—
Meat and Food Inspection.					
Slaughterhouses ...	136	—	—	—	—
Butcher's Shops and Stalls	23	—	—	—	—
Wet Fish Shops ...	13	1	—	—	—
Fried Fish Shops ...	5	—	1	—	—
Other Food Shops ...	42	1	—	—	—
Bakehouses	51	6	3	—	—
Restaurant Kitchens ...	21	3	1	—	—
Ice Cream Premises ...	17	—	—	—	—
Dairies and Milk Shops	28	—	—	—	—
	1,660	148	113	15	11

Arising out of the above notices, legal proceedings had to be taken in one case to obtain the abatement of a nuisance caused by a defective roof. The defendant was fined £2, and an Order was made by the Court for the work to be carried out.

COMPLAINTS.

The Complaints registered during the year numbered 226 and are classified as follows :—

Defective Housing Conditions	16
Overcrowding	1
Dampness	5
Choked and Defective Drains, Cesspools and Septic Tanks and Sewers	31
Insufficient or Defective Sanitary Accommodation...	5
Insufficient Light and Ventilation	3
Insanitary Conditions of Ditches and Ponds ...	3
Flooding	4
Accumulations of Refuse	13
Offensive Odours	10
Smoke and Dust Nuisances	10
Noise Nuisances	2
Unsound Food	19
Food Premises—Dirty Conditions	2
Water Supply	3
Rats and Mice Infestation	73
Infestations by Flies, Mosquitoes, Ants, Wasps, etc.	17
Infestations by Rabbits, Moles and Foxes... ...	4
Keeping of Animals and Hens	1
Miscellaneous	4
	226

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION.

The following table shows the amount of spraying and fumigation undertaken in connection with infectious diseases and verminous conditions :—

	No. of Premises	*No. of Rooms Sprayed or Fumigated*	*Household Effects Treated Separately*
Bed Bugs	—	—	—
Other Vermin	5	18	—
Infectious Diseases	4	12	—
Other Causes	1	1	—
	—	—	—
	10	31	—
	—	—	—

For a small charge, wasps' nests on private property are also destroyed. During the year, six nests were dealt with and one swarm of bees returned to a hive.

HOUSING.

The Council's proposals for dealing with houses considered to be unfit for human habitation, were submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in accordance with the requirements of Section 1 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954. The return showed that the estimated number of unfit houses in Wilmslow and Handforth was 79, and it indicated that the Council would be able to secure the demolition of all the houses in less than 5 years. For the first year's programme it was decided to deal with 30 houses. The Minister has approved these proposals and a start has been made to put the scheme into effect. Twelve houses have already been vacated and some of them are now demolished, namely :

Nos. 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62 Hawthorn Street, Wilmslow
No. 87 Hawthorn Street, Wilmslow
" Low Glen Cottage," Chancel Lane, Wilmslow
" Holly Cottage," Dean Row Road, Wilmslow
No. 9 Mill Brow. Wilmslow
No. 179 Wilmslow Road, Handforth

Eight of the occupiers of the above houses were re-housed by the Council and four obtained accommodation through other channels. By the end of the year eight other houses were under consideration for the making of either Demolition or Closing Orders.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The position with regard to camping sites is unchanged. There is only one approved site where no more than 35 caravans may be stationed at any one time. The number of caravans scattered about the district and used for residential purposes, for which the Council approved licences for periods not exceeding one year, is 8.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Meat Inspection

Although meat supplies were de-controlled in 1954, the private slaughterhouse which the Council licensed at Morley, was not ready for use until February, 1955. Since that time there has been a gradual increase in the number of animals slaughtered, until at the present time the inspection of carcases is taking up a considerable part of an Inspector's time. Meat inspection is regarded as an important duty which must not be neglected and nothing less than 100 per cent. inspection of all animals slaughtered for human consumption should be the aim of all Local Authorities. I am able to report that during 1955 all animals slaughtered at Morley were

inspected, but in order to achieve this, arrangements had to be made with the Manchester Corporation Markets Department for several consignments of Pigs which were killed late at night for delivery to the wholesale Market early next morning, to be inspected at the Market instead of at the place of slaughter. Only carcases intended for sale in the wholesale Meat Market have been moved before inspection has taken place, but even with this arrangement the amount of meat inspection is such that other duties in my Department are being neglected in order to cope with the additional work which this slaughterhouse is creating.

The Ministry of Health has asked for information about the post-mortem inspection of animals to be included in the report in a standard form which has been revised so as to include horses slaughtered for human consumption among the animals, and cysticercosis among the diseases. The following table gives the information required :—

RECORD OF MEAT INSPECTION FOR 1955

	Cattle Excluding Cows	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*	*Horses*
Number killed (if known)	119	252	9	65	894	Nil
Number inspected	119	246	9	65	543	Nil
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole carcases condemned	1	3	—	—	17	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	25	82	1	13	17	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis ase other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci...	22.7%	34.5%	11%	20%	6.26%	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcases condemned	1	8	—	—	—	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	16	80	3	—	17	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	14.25%	35.8%	33.3%	—	31.1%	—
Cysticercosis :						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned... ... — ...	1	—	—	—	—	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	1	—	—	—	—	Nil
Generalised and totally Condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

The slaughterhouse at which the above animals have been slaughtered was used quite considerably by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for the slaughter of animals from a wide area around Wilmslow under both the Tuberculosis Order and the Tuberculosis (Slaughter of Re-actors) Order. These animals are known, or suspected to be suffeirng from tuberculosis and this is the reason for the percentage of animals found to be suffering from tuberculosis being unusually high. When animals are slaughtered under the above Orders it is the duty of your Inspectors to decide how much, if any, of the carcases can be certified fit for human consumption.

MEAT CONDEMNED

Arising out of the above inspections, 4 tons, 19 cwts. 12 lbs. of meat consisting of whole carcases and offal were condemned as unfit for human consumption, the details of which are given in the following list :—

Tuberculosis

	No.	*Weight lbs.*
Cattle		
Whole Carcases	9	3600
Lungs	91	910
Livers	9	120
Heads	26	700
Messenteries	8	240
Kidneys	2	2
Part Spine	1	5
Udders	2	20
Pigs		
Heads	17	204
Udders	2	10
Plucks	2	9
Lungs	1	2

Other Diseases

Cattle	No.	Weight lbs.	Cause of Condemnation
Whole Carcases	4	2000	Oedema, Fever, Septicaemia
Part Carcases	4	233	Fracture, Traumatic Injury, Oedema, Parboiled
Livers	92	1288	Distomatosis, Angioma, Abscess, Cirrhosis
Heads	5	140	Traumatic Injury, Actino
Udders	4	24	Mastitis
Lungs	4	40	Pleurisy, Congestion, Decomposition
Stomachs	2	60	Peritonitis
Spleens	2	3	Peritonitis
Head, Heart, Skirt	1	33	Cysticercus Bovis
Kidneys	8	14	Nephritis
Pigs			
Whole Carcases	17	1176	Swine Fever
Part Carcases	3	146	Extensive Bruising, Abscess
Plucks	7	42	Pleurisy, Pneumonia, Pericarditis, Peritonitis
Kidneys	3	1	Nephritis, Cysts
Heads	2	24	Decomposition
Livers	1	3	Necrosis
Sheep			
Plucks	10	40	Decomposition
Livers	3	5	Distomatosis
Calves			
Livers	1	6	Abscess
		4 tons 19 cwts. 12 lbs.	

Other Foods.

The following amounts of foodstuffs have been condemned as the result of complaints or routine inspections of food shops, necessitating the issue of 76 condemnation certificates.

Tinned and Preserved Food Condemned.

	cwts.	*lbs.*
Fruit	1	52
Milk	—	6¼
Vegetables	—	9
Corned Beef	—	14¼
Baby Food	—	48
Crabmeat and Crawfish	—	¾
Canned Meats	—	49¾
Table Jellies	—	6½
	2	74½

Other Food Condemned.

12 Chickens	—	24
Sausages and Sausage Rolls	—	14
597 Meat Pies ... ... —	1	38
144 Fruit Tarts	—	36
	2	0

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

Byelaws—Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food.

This is the last time the above heading will appear in the Annual Report as new legislation has been introduced which modifies and extends existing hygiene requirements and includes a number of new provisions which will help Local Authorities in their efforts to improve the conditions under which food is prepared, stored and served in all types of food businesses. It has not been possible to devote much time to the supervision of food premises during the year, but every effort will be made to increase the number of inspections during 1956 with a view to assisting food traders to comply with the new standards. A new register has been compiled which shows there are 164 food premises to which the new regulations apply and at which the following types of business are carried on :-

Grocers and Provision Merchants	57
Bakers and Confectioners	16
Bakehouses	15
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	14
Butchers	18
Fishmongers	9
Fish Fryers	3
Sweet Shops	19
Ice Cream Premises	46
Restaurants, Cafes and Snack Bars	25
Licensed Premises	19
Hotels and Boarding Houses	5
Non-Residential Clubs	6
Industrial and Staff Canteens	3
Kitchens Preparing School Meals	5
Schools Serving School Meals	9
Cooked Meats	2
Market Stalls	5

Legal Proceedings.

One prosecution was taken during the year under Section 9 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. against a local firm for selling a bottle of Orange Drink which contained a species of caterpillar. The defendants pleaded guilty and were fined £5.

MILK SUPPLY.

Distribution

The number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, and the number of dairies in the district are as follows :

Producer-retailers	7
Distributors only	17
Dairies	1

Sampling—Raw Milk

Since Wilmslow has been included in a Specified Area the only raw milk retailed in the district must be Tuberculin Tested. Ninety-six samples were taken and submitted to the statutory test with the following results :-

Bacteriological Examination of T.T. Milk.

Designation	*From Retailers*	*Satis-factory*	*Unsatis-factory*	*Experi-ments Spoilt*	*Total*
Tuberculin tested ...	96	73	23	—	96

The number of unsatisfactory results was exceptionally high and to some extent this was due to the very hot weather at certain periods of the year. Complaints were made by the firm concerned that the milks were unsatisfactory on arrival at their premises from farms in various parts of the County, and samples taken on delivery to the dairy proved this to be correct. Details of all the unsatisfactory samples were sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food with a request that action should be taken at the farms concerned to effect an improvement in the methods of production.

Heat Treated Milk.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949.

Heat Treated Milk has been sampled regularly and submitted to the statutory tests with the following satisfactory results :-

	From Local Pasteurising Plant			
	No. Taken	*Satis-factory*	*Unsatis-factory*	*Exp. Spoilt*
Pasteurised Milk.				
Methylene Blue ...	31	30	—	1
Phosphatase Test ...	31	31	—	—

	From Outside Sources			
	No. Taken	*Satis-factory*	*Unsatis-factory*	*Exp. Spoilt*
Pasteurised Milk				
Methylene Blue	25	24	—	1
Phosphatase Test	25	24	1	—
Sterilised Milk				
Turbidity Test	4	4	—	—

The number of licences granted under the Special Designation Regulations were as follows :-

	Dealer's Licences	*Supplementary Licences*	*Total*
Tuberculin Tested ...	9	6	15
Pasteurised	12	4	16
Sterilised	12	4	16

Legal Proceedings

Legal proceedings were taken as the result of a sample of milk which was sold as Pasteurised but failed to satisfy the Phosphatase Test. Although the sample was purchased as Pasteurised it was proved to be Raw Milk. Proceedings were taken by the County Council for an infringement under the Specified Areas Order and the defendant who pleaded guilty, was fined £5.

EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Most of the samples which have been submitted for the statutory test for Tuberculin Tested Milk have also been examined for the presence of tubercle bacilli. As one would expect in the case of Tuberculin Tested Milk, no positive results were obtained as the following table shows :-

SUMMARY OF SAMPLES EXAMINED FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

Designation.	*No. of Samples Taken*	*Positive*	*Negative*
Tuberculin Tested	85	—	85
Pasteurised	1	—	1
	86	—	86

ICE CREAM

Only a very small quantity of Ice Cream is now made locally and although the number of retailers continues to increase, most shopkeepers prefer to obtain their supplies from one of the well-known manufacturers rather than provide the equipment necessary to comply with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. The number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, at the end of the year was 55.

It was not possible to take samples from all premises during the year because of other duties which had to take preference over this work, but as you will see from the table below, out of 17 samples submitted for examination 16 were placed in Grade 1 and one in Grade 2, which is a very satisfactory result.

	Total	*Grade I*	*Grade II*	*Grade III*	*Grade IV*
Manufactured locally	2	1	1	—	—
Made elsewhere ...	15	15	—	—	—
	17				

WATER SUPPLY

There are still 21 premises where a main water supply is not available and these are situated in the following wards :-

Ward	*No. of premises Without Main supply*
Dean Row	2
Handforth	2
Hough	6
Morley	11
Styal	—
	—
	21
	—

Two of the houses without main water have been condemned which will reduce the number in the list to 19 when the houses are demolished.

The position has now been reached when this number cannot be reduced much further unless the owners are given financial assistance because of the distance of the various properties from the existing mains.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

The following summary gives details in brief of the work performed by the Rat Catcher during 1955 :-

No. of Premises Surveyed		1355
No. of Premises Treated		418
Methods employed :		
	No. of pre-baits laid	368
	No. of poison baits laid ...	2,247
	Cases where traps used ...	78
Results obtained :	No. of bodies found	
	Rats ...	617
	Mice ...	111

HAIRDRESSERS AND BARBERS

Section 148 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, came into operation on the 1st April, 1955, and required every person carrying on the business of Hairdresser or Barber and all premises used for the purpose, to be registered by the Council. Prior to registration an inspection of all the existing premises in the area was made and generally speaking conditions were found to be satisfactory. The number of premises subsequently registered was :

Ladies' Hairdressers	14
Barbers	5

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Collection

It cannot be reported that a satisfactory collection has been maintained throughout 1955. The average number of collections of refuse made from each house in 1955 was 40, compared with 45 in 1954 and 51 in 1953. These figures underline the effect of the growth of the district on this service which has not had its establishment increased for many years. The refuse collection service would have been better if the existing establishment could have been maintained throughout the year, but unfortunately the Department was understaffed for considerable periods. I can see no hope of an immediate improvement unless it becomes possible to increase the existing labour force.

Disposal.

Land owned by the Council in Newgate still remains the only disposal point for all house refuse collected in the district.

Salvage.

As a separate report has been issued it is only necessary here to give a summary of the amounts of materials sold and the income received, which are as follows :-

	Weight			*Value*		
	Tons	*cwts.*	*lbs.*	£	s.	d.
Waste paper, books, etc. ...	269	11	0	2,219	6	2
Ferrous metals	36	17	28	95	5	9
Non-ferrous metals ...	—	17	2	108	0	10
Textiles	14	9	38	299	17	9
Glassware	—	2	12	2	8	0
Rubber Tyres	—	5	0	2	12	6
	322	1	80	£2,727	11	0

The cost of operating the scheme amounted to £1,544 0s. 5d., which left a favourable balance of £1,183 10s. 7d. on the year's working.

Printed by
The Richmond Press, 3 Hawthorn Lane, Wilmslow
Tel. 4541